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KAMPMEYER PRESERVE

Guilford, CT

Established in 1994, the Kampmeyer Preserve is a composite of five separate acquisitions by the Guilford Land Conservation Trust totaling more than 95 acres. The property is a mixture of rocky steep knolls surrounded by isolated



wetlands. The preserve is named for Preston Kampmeyer, a longtime Guilford resident who loved the town's natural landscape and was a generous GLCT supporter. Kampmeyer, who died in 1991 at the age of 80, bequeathed his home to the GLCT.

The GLCT used a portion of his gift to purchase a 40-acre property from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in 1993. This parcel makes up the backbone of the Kampmeyer Preserve.

The trail, marked with yellow diamonds, highlights the various features of this preserve, including the old trolley bed, extensive wetlands, Notch Hill Brook, some old stone walls, and rocky outcrops. The preserve is full of wildflowers in the spring. Walking the entire trail can take about 90 minutes. Since crossing on the boards and logs in the wetlands can be slippery, a walking stick for balance can be helpful. It is also interesting to walk the old trolley bed, which runs almost the entire distance from West Lake Avenue to the North Branford Town Line.

The Kampmeyer Preserve also has a spring-fed pond on site. This pond maintains a warmer year-round temperature, typical of spring-fed ponds, which get its water supply from groundwater sources at a constant rate of flow and temperature. These pools offer critical habitat for fish and wildlife. Fish, salamanders, and invertebrates (such as insects and snails), in particular, thrive in clean spring-fed pool environments.



Directions and Parking:

The Kampmeyer Preserve can be reached by turning onto West Lake Avenue from Route 1 approximately 1.1 mile west of Exit 57 on I-95. Travel north on West Lake Avenue 1.5 miles and turn left onto Laurel Hollow Road. Park in the cul-de-sac at the end.

Permitted Activities:

GLCT properties in this preserve are for passive recreation only. No motorized vehicles are permitted. No camping and no fires. Dogs are allowed on leash. Please pick up all animal waste.

For more information about this location, contact:

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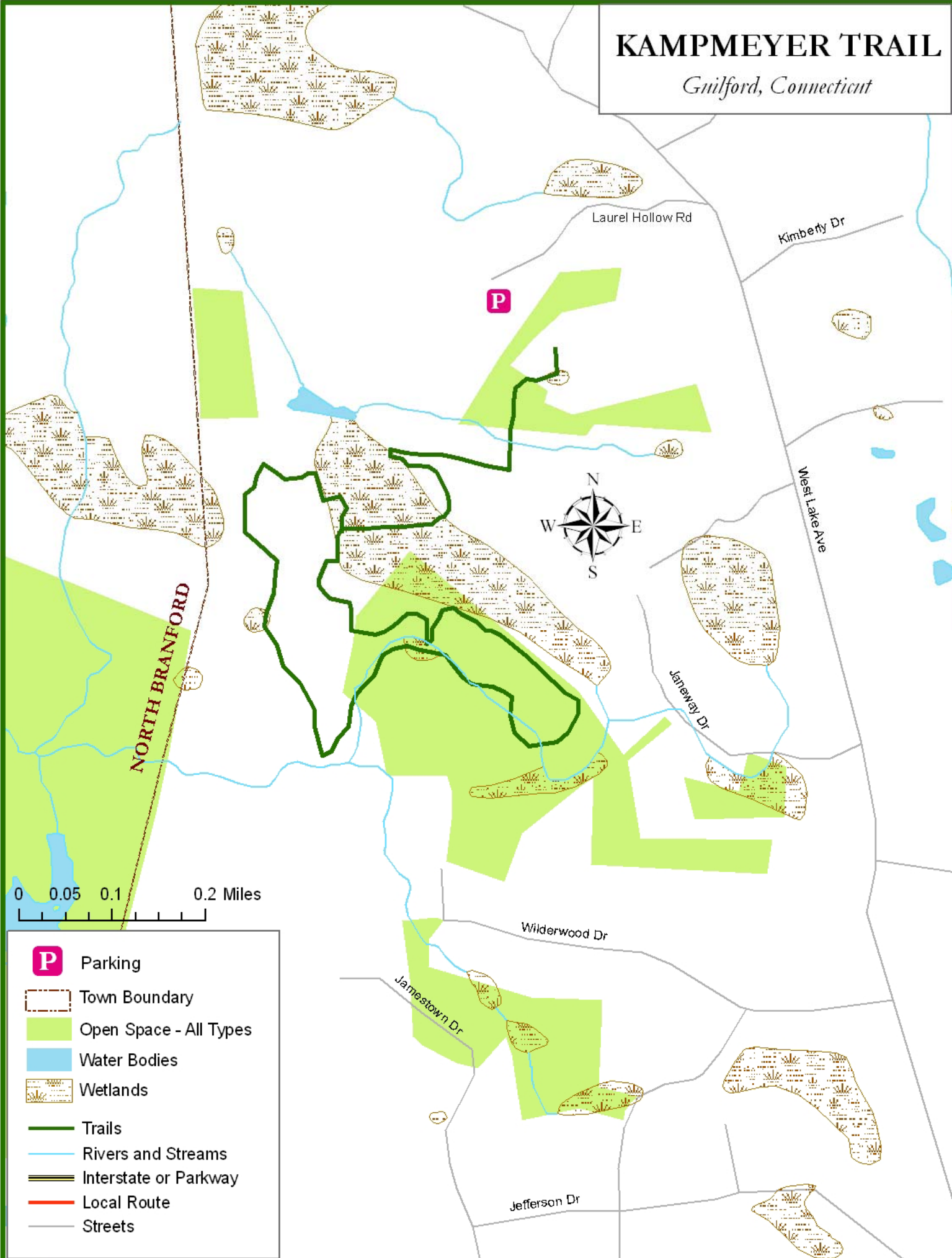
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NORTH BRANFORD

Laurel Hollow Rd

Kimberly Dr

West Lake Ave

Janeway Dr

Wilderwood Dr











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-  Parking
-  Town Boundary
-  Open Space - All Types
-  Water Bodies
-  Wetlands
-  Trails
-  Rivers and Streams
-  Interstate or Parkway
-  Local Route
-  Streets